

From: [Sams, Michael K CIV](#)
To: [Mason, Steve](#)
Cc: [Smalley, Bryant](#)
Subject: FW: UPDATE 03/CLOSED: (CIC) D8 – SHG – FACILITY FIRE – HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL – INTERCONTINENTAL TERMINALS COMPANY (ITC) DEER PARK, TX
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:29:01 PM

Below FYSA. Good luck and be safe!

V/r,
Mike Sams
CGD 8
504-671-2234 (o)
281-881-6193 (c)
Sent via mobile device

From: Coppola, Katy G LTJG <Katy.G.Coppola@uscg.mil>
Date: Sunday, Mar 17, 2019, 9:24 PM
To: D08-DG-District-CC OPSBRIEF <D08-DG-District-CCOPSBRIEF@uscg.mil>
Cc: D8CommandCenter <D8CommandCenter@uscg.mil>
Subject: UPDATE 03/CLOSED: (CIC) D8 – SHG – FACILITY FIRE – HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL – INTERCONTINENTAL TERMINALS COMPANY (ITC) DEER PARK, TX

Good Evening Admiral,

UPDATE 03:

180118Z MAR 19- Follow on CIC it was determined that EPA has assumed FOSC. Although no pollution is expected, OSRO is on scene and continues to sample water and has placed booms to mitigate risk. No further CG involvement and the CIC process was stood down. Case closed pending significant updates.

(CIC) D8 – SHG – FACILITY FIRE – HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL – INTERCONTINENTAL TERMINALS COMPANY (ITC) DEER PARK, TX

MISLE CASE: 1165335

DATE TIME GROUP: 171553Z MAR 19

NEAREST COMMUNITY/LANDMARK: DEER PARK, TX

FLAG: US

CARGO: UNKNOWN

SITUATION: SHG received report via VTS Houston of smoke IVO the Houston Ship Channel. SHG correlated the smoke to an active chemical tank fire (chemical unknown) at Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) DEER PARK FACILITY. ITC DEER PARK has issued an evacuation order, and has engaged in firefighting shore side. 04 chemical ships were conducting bunkering operations; and ceased operations when alerted of the situation. City of Deer Park, TX has issued a shelter in place order. There have been no injuries reported. CG Station Houston is on scene, Port of Houston Authority has 01 fireboat on scene standing by, due to distance from the fire, and another fireboat enroute. NOAA plume modeling indicated that it would not affect the Houston Ship Channel ATT. An ICP has been stood up, and SHG representatives are en route to assist. CIC was conducted and follow-on CIC will be held at 1330 local.

UPDATE 01:

171830Z MAR 19: Conducted follow-on CIC. SHG reported that the tank on fire, Tank 80-8, is loaded with 80,000 gallons of Naphtha (highly flammable; risk of benzene exposure). The tank is located on a tank farm approximately 1-1.5 miles from the channel, and is not on the MTSA regulated facility. EPA is the Federal On-Scene Coordinator and is enroute with a 04 hour ETA. EPA has contracted STAR Services to assist with response; ETA 30 minutes. The USCG will continue to coordinate and monitor as the First Federal Official on scene until EPA arrives. The facility activated their facility response plan. A JIC has been stood up and the facility designated a public affairs representative to brief the media. The source of the fire remains unsecured and the tank has begun to buckle. Firefighters are attempting to suppress the fire to gain access to the shut-off valve to secure the source of the fuel. Air monitoring is in place to ensure benzene levels remain below the threshold. Houston HAZMAT has a drone in the air; SHG is attempting to retrieve drone footage. Follow-on CIC will be held at 1530 local.

UPDATE 02:

172030Z MAR 19: SHG reports the chemical fire continues and may burn for up to four days. Due to firefighting water and foam challenges, responding agencies discussed the option of allowing the fire to burn out over several days. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality was on scene and airborne benzene levels remain below threshold. An EPA contractor was on scene and the EPA FOSC is expected to arrive within 2-3 hours. There is high local media interest. No waterway pollution has been reported and Port of Houston fire boats remain on scene. The Shelter-In-Place order remains in effect for Deer Park, TX. A follow-on CIC will be held at 1930 local.

Very Respectfully,

LTJG Katy Grace Coppola
US Coast Guard D8 Command Center
504-589-6225 (Work)